



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:29-31)

After teaching to large crowds, Jesus went by himself to pray while the disciples went into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. There was a fierce storm, and they were battered by waves. In the morning, they saw a figure walking toward them--on the water! They were afraid that a mysterious apparition of unknown intent was heading their way, but it turned out to be Jesus, who said to them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter, either to test Jesus or perhaps caught up in the wonder of the moment, challenged Jesus to command him to come to him. Jesus said, "Come," although it should be noted that he did not actually tell him to walk on water. Maybe swimming would have been good enough! Peter stepped out (physically and spiritually), but then his fear of the wind caused him to sink. He cried out for help, and Jesus rescued him, but also chided him (lovingly, I believe) for his lack of faith (this could also be translated as "trust").

We can either read this gospel story literally or metaphorically, but either way the lesson is the same: when we believe in the greatness of God and in ourselves as God's children, we can accomplish the seemingly impossible. I do not think that Jesus needs us to physically walk on water, but he does invite us to come and follow him into challenging situations. We have a choice. There is always something to be afraid of, but the important thing is to keep moving, to keep putting one foot in front of the other, or one arm into the water. That's the best way to keep from sinking. If you ever feel like you can't keep going, remember that Jesus is there with open arms, and so are his followers, the Church. We are here to keep one another afloat. We don't have to make the journey alone. We are stronger together.

Peace,
Chase

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
A gentle, said service (no music)

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Joyous, sung music

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home M - F
Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship

7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

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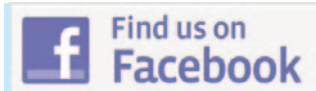
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Trinity Basics

PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

PANTRY & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:30AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

PARISH LEADERSHIP (*Vestry*):

Bill Presutti (warden) Wendy Jaghab (warden)
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Michael Isaccson	Laura Bentivegna
Manal Miller	Mona	Lisa Boyer
Stephanie	Grace Couluris-Woodruff	Pearson Family
Margaret Jones	Barbara Muzychka	Haupt Family
Miles	Tom Dempsey	Fred Tagliarini
Denzel Donaldson	Dianne & Debbie	Bob Berger
Gregory Curatolo	Candace Lindh	Olga & Nicole

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.



Prayer Team Ministry. During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else. Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends

8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7
Cheryl & Airelle Smith	James, Rosemary, & Mele Soviero	Denise Surman	Diane Surmonte & James Moseman	Nadine & Michael Sutcliffe

News & Notes

Free Eye Clinic ~ Monday and Tuesday, August 17 & 18

Trinity Church is partnering with the Parker Family Health Clinic of Red Bank to offer a free eye clinic to community members who do not have eye and eyeglass coverage. You will receive a full eye exam and, if an eyeglass prescription is needed, you will leave the clinic with a new pair of glasses that day! The clinic will be held on Monday, August 17th and Tuesday, August 18th. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this free service, please call the church office and speak to Cassy.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Speaker Series: Religious Nationalism ~ 8/20/26 at 6:30pm

On Thursday August 20th at 6:30PM, the Episcopal Peace fellowship will host three speakers, Dr. Rumu DasGupta, Fr. Geoff Curtiss and Derek Bloom, to talk in detail about how religious nationalism is dangerous for our world and how pluralism (the acceptance of all religions and faiths) is the only way for our nations to move forward in peace. This is a continuation of the EPF speakers series!

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom Will Be on Hiatus Until August 24th

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff Curtiss will resume on Monday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be looking at the scriptures written from the time of the Maccabees. The Maccabean revolt sought to overthrow the Greek influence of the Persian period and is known as the period of early Judaism. The Jewish revolt is known for the creation of Hanukkah. Contemporary scholars consider that if the faith of Israel had been absorbed into the Greek culture there probably would not have been a context for Jesus. More details to come.

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Weekly Bible Sharing: Summer Potpourri ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

All Seekers please come out on Wednesdays for our summer Bible Sharing! We will have a variety of activities as members take turns leading Summer Potpourri! We begin at 5pm and end in time for 6:30 mass. Questions? call Joanie @908-216-5529

Children & Youth Summer Programming

Our summer Sunday youth series, "Summers at Trinity," continues this week with the movie *Soul*. Together, we'll explore themes of faith, purpose, emotions, and the love of God. Also, on **August 30th**, we will finish our Special Children's Summer Sermon Series with Father Chase (children will remain in the main service). Nursery will remain open throughout the entire summer! We look forward to a joyful summer together!

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Update ~ Next Meeting Sunday, August 30th at 8:50am

Trinity is becoming a Parish Partner with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. We meet monthly usually on the last Sunday of the month. We gather to discuss what we are praying about, what we want to learn more, and actions we are considering. Pray-Learn-Act. This month our focus is on our relationship with the ministry at Delaney Hall, the ICE detention center in Newark. We will meet at 8:50 a.m. on Sunday August 30th. Get your cup of coffee and join us.

School Supply Drive ~ Due Today!

We are collecting school supplies for students from our community through Sunday, August 9th. Supplies will be dropped off with Community Karma who will pack them into age-appropriate kits and distribute them to community kids. We are collecting all supplies for kids pre-k - High School. All supplies are welcome, some suggestions are: backpacks, lunch boxes, folders, notebooks, pencils, pencil cases, crayons, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers, colored pencils, school scissors etc. Thank you!

Ride With Us! 8th Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice ~ Saturday, September 12

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, 2026! Whether you are a casual rider or a seasoned cyclist, you are invited to join us as an individual or part of a team for a beautiful ride along the Jersey Shore. We feature three different scenic routes to choose from: 15 miles, 30 miles, or 62 miles. The ride will start and finish right here at Trinity Church in Asbury Park. Not a bike rider? You can still be a vital part of the day! We are looking for wonderful volunteers to help with registration, staff the rest stops, cheer on our cyclists, and assist with the setup and cleanup. Best of all, every mile pedaled and every hour volunteered supports the vital Food Justice Programs at the Trinity Center for Community. To register to ride, sign up to volunteer, or make a donation, scan the QR code to the right or email Dave Osis at FoodJusticeRide@gmail.com



Have You Heard the News?? Sign Up for Our Weekly Email Blast



Every Friday, Trinity sends out an email "blast" with a message from Fr. Chase, events happening at Trinity and beyond, pictures from parish gatherings, and all the information you need to know! We also send out a worship email every Sunday with the service bulletin and information insert and occasional other emails when necessary. This is a great way to see what's happening in the Trinity Community and beyond and to stay connected with us! If you don't already receive the email blast and would like to sign up, please scan the QR Code to the left or visit our website www.TrinityNJ.com, scroll down to the bottom and hit the "Subscribe" button to get started!

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